



## King County

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## **KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (KCASAAB) MEETING February 2, 2012**

**KCASAAB Members Present:** Jim Benbow, Joan Clement, Pat Godfrey, Therese Grant, Esther Osborne

**KCASAAB Members Absent:** Linda Brown, Roger Goodman, Gina Grappone, Mary Ann LaFazia, Robyn Smith, Sarah Swenson (excused); Mike Elsner, Ruvin Munden, (unexcused)

**Guests Present:** Ardi Bury, Pat Knox, (RCKC); John Gerberding, (PAO); Kevin Kincaid, (Microsoft); Susan Kydd, (BECU); Harvey Funai, Bob Leonard, (DBHR); Peggy Papsdorf, (PHS)

**Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) Staff Present:** Bryan Baird, Terry Crain, Dan Floyd, Cheryl Goluch, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Margaret Soukup, Sharon Toquinto, Jim Vollendroff

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Board Vice Chair, Pat Godfrey convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue, Seattle, conference room 121.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions ~ Pat Godfrey**

Pat welcomed everyone and introductions were made by each person in attendance. A quorum was not present.

### **II. Review / Approval of January 5, 2012 Minutes ~ Pat Godfrey**

Minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present.

### **III. Green Distribution**

Bryan Baird, Board Liaison, made a suggestion to move toward a 'green' distribution of previously released materials, such as meeting minutes, rather than providing hard

copies to each board member at future meetings. A few paper copies will be available at each meeting; materials will continue to be available online. The board agreed to move forward with this suggestion.

#### **IV. Board Member County Email Accounts**

John Gerberding, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, gave an overview of King County Ordinance 16997, passed in December 2010. This ordinance, now a policy of the county, provides policy direction for the implementation of best practices with respect to the Public Records Act, and records retention, by providing boards and commissions with King County email accounts. Members were directed to use, or copy, the county issued email accounts when communicating and/or conducting board business and not through their personal computers and email accounts, as these records are subject to public disclosure.

#### **V. Marijuana Initiative – Overview and Discussion ~ *Roger Roffman, Inga Manskopf***

Roger Roffman, Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work, University of Washington (UW), and Founding Director of Innovative Programs Research Group, UW School of Social Work gave an overview of Initiative 502 (I-502). I-502 has qualified and will be before the legislature who can pass it into law. If they don't pass it, I-502 will be on the November 2012 ballot. He said I-502 replaces Washington's failed strategy of treating marijuana use as a crime with an evidence-based public health approach. If I-502 becomes law, distribution of marijuana to adults, (aged 21 and over), through marijuana only stores licensed and regulated through the state liquor control board will be permitted. Production and processing of marijuana will involve licensed farmers, producers, and processors; all regulated by the state liquor control board. Under I-502, all businesses must be a Washington state business. I-502 is estimated to generate at least \$215 million each year in excise, B&O, and retail sales taxes. Roughly \$80 million goes to the state general fund. The other \$135 million is dedicated to building healthy families and communities: a better strategy for preventing marijuana abuse than arresting adult marijuana users.

More information can be found here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/SubstanceAbuse/Boards/AdministrativeBoard/Archives.aspx>

Professor Roffman shared the pro side of the initiative. Teens will benefit by the enactment of I-502 by: Science-based, widely distributed, honest, and accurate information about marijuana through the UW website, community organizations who will receive funding to do public education about marijuana. Also, a tightly regulated market will reduce the access to marijuana by teenagers. He discourages the early use of marijuana. He reported the following statistical data: 82 percent of 12th graders; 68 percent of 10th graders; and 38 percent of 8th graders say it's fairly easy to access.

Inga Manskopf – Prevention WINS Coordinator, Adolescent Medicine, Seattle Children's, spoke about the impact of marijuana usage in young people and also shared her thoughts about I-502, largely agreeing with Professor Roffman. However, her concerns begin with I-502 creating another three tier system: a regulation recently

dismantled by Initiative 1183 that removed the regulation of alcohol. Alcohol regulations have done a poor job of keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. Even with a tightly regulated system, her belief is marijuana won't be treated/viewed any different than that of alcohol. There also won't be any money in I-502 designated for treatment. She added this should not be a criminal justice issue, but a Public Health issue.

#### **VI. A/D Coordinator's Report ~ *Jim Vollendroff***

Jim spoke briefly to the following points:

##### Session Update

Senate Bill 6578 came out today to assign fees for licensing entities to pay for substance abuse treatment. 50 percent of the funds go to liquor revolving fund, 30 percent deposited to chemical dependency treatment account, and 20 percent of the funds would go to the criminal justice treatment account. A required \$150 million or more must have been collectively paid in spirit distributors licensing fees. However, and this amount has not been reached, they continue to collect. This bill is sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Swecker, Hargrove, Pridemore, Keiser, Delvin, and Kline. More information to come.

##### First Annual All Provider Meeting

Jim thanked all board members for attending. Evaluations will be out next month.

#### **VII. Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) Update ~ *Harvey Funai***

Chris Imhoff is the new DBHR Director, replacing David Dickinson. Ms. Imhoff has a strong direct service background in medical and psychiatric social work including interdisciplinary team work on psychiatric units of Eastern State Hospital and discharge planning at Harborview and other acute medical settings.

Pat added three board members were able to talk to Chris Imhoff at the All Provider Meeting. Ms. Imhoff expressed enthusiasm to learn more about what the KCASAAB is doing. They agreed to travel to Olympia to meet with her. Harvey offered to extend an invitation for her to come to a board meeting in the near future.

#### **VIII. Liaison Reports ~ *Pat Godfrey***

This year, the Legislative Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 15 at a new location: Town Hall, 1119 8th Avenue, Seattle, 98101.

The Annual Retreat meeting will take the place of the KCASAAB regular meeting in early April. Bryan Baird, Board Liaison, will identify potential dates and poll members.

#### **IX. Agency and Other Concerns**

Pat Knox, Chief Executive Officer, Recovery Centers of King County (RCKC), announced she has just been made aware of why ADATSA patients are no longer finding housing options. Some investigation of the Housing Essential Needs (HEN) Program revealed ADATSA clients are being left out of the HEN Program, and now there is a new homeless population coming out of treatment systems: RCKC has 154

ADATSA clients without any housing options available to them. RCKC is putting people through treatment, but then they're on their own. Without Access to Recovery, funds are not available. Ms. Knox is advocating to get ADATSA clients added to HEN program, for even as little as 90 days. 941 clients were assessed for ADATSA in Region Four last year; 629 of those were treated by RCKC and are now homeless.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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Attested by:

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Board Vice Chair

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